industrialization and vehicular emissions are sources of air pollution. As per the embient air quality monitoring carried out by the Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Boards under the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme at various locations, including metro cities, the average levels during the last three months indicate that Sulphur dioxide and Nitrogen dioxide are within the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, whereas, Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter levels exceed the standards in many cities.

(c) The steps taken to abate air pollution include:

* Notification of general and source specific environmental standards;
* Identification of sources of pollution;
* Enforcement of auto exhaust emission standards for vehicles at manufacturing stage;
* Introduction of cleaner fuels and improved vehicular technologies;
* Use of beneficiated coal in thermal power plants; and
* Regular monitoring for environmental compliance.

Poachaing of wild animal

†1314. DR. CHHATTARAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received many complaints about poaching of wild animals recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken against poachers by Government;

(d) whether it is also a fact that employees of the Department of Forest are also responsible for poaching; and

(e) if so, the action taken against such employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Protection

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of wildlife being primarily the responsibility of the State Governments, the details of poaching incidents are maintained at the State level. The information available from the States on poaching cases is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) Action under the existing laws is taken by the State Governments.

(d) No, Sir. No such reports have been received by the Government.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of poaching of wild animals.

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Year	Tiger	Lion	Elephant	Leopard	Rhino	Peafowl
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Andhra Pradesh	2001	1			—		
		2002	—	—	—	1	—	—
		2003	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2004	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Total	1	—	—	1	—	—
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2001	—	—	2	—	—	—
		2002	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2003	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2004	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Total	—	—	2	—	—	—
3	Assam	2001	—	—	6	—	10	—
		2002	—	—	—	—	5	—
		2003	—	—	6	—	6	—
		2004	—	—	1	—	1	—
		Total	—	—	13	—	22	—
4	Bihar	2001	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2002	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2003	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2004	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	Delhi	2001	—	—	—	6	—	—
		2002	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2003	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2004	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Total	—	—	—	6	—	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6	Chhatisgarh	2001	—	—	—	—	—	1
		2002	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2003	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2004	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Total	—	—	—	—	—	1
7	Goa-	2001	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2002	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2003	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2004	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	G ujarat	2001	—	2	—	—	—	6
		2002	.—	—	—	—	—	5
		2003		1				
		2004	—	—	—			
		Total		3				11
9	Himachal Pradesh	2001	—	—	—	7	—	—
		2002	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2003	—		—			
		2004	—		—			
		Total				7		
10	Jharkhand	2001	—	—	2	—	—	—
		2002	—	—	2	—	—	—
		2003	—		2			
		2004	—		1			
		Total			7			
11	Karnataka	2001	—	—	19	—	—	—
		2002	—	—	12	—	—	—
		2003	—		8			
		2004	—		6			
		Total			45			
12	Kerala	2001	3	—	3	—	—	—
		2002	—	—	5	_	—	—
		2003	—		7			
		2004	—		11			
		Total	3		26			
13	Madhya Pradesh	2001	4	—	—	2.		6
		2002	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2003	—		—			
		2004	1		—			
		Total	5			2		6

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
14	Maharashtra	2001	17	—	—	6	—	3
		2002	•3	—	—	1	—	—
		2003	—		—			
		2004	—		—			
		Total	20			7		3
15	Meghalaya	2001	—	—	1	—	—	—
		2002	—	—	2	—	—	—
		2003	—		—			
		2004	—		—			
		Total			3			
16	Mizoram	2001	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2002	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2003	—		1			
		2004	—		2			
		Total			3			
17	Orissa	2001	—	—	11	—	—	—
		2002	—	—	7	—	—	—
		2003	—		8			
		2004	—		7			
		Total			33			
18	Punjab	2001	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2002	—	—	—	—	—	—
		2003	—		—			
		2004	—	—				
		Total						
19	Rajasthan	2001	—	—	—	2	—	—
		2002	1	—	—	2	—	—
		2003	—		—			
		2004	—		—			
		Total	1			4		
20	Tamil Nadu	2001	—	—	7	26	—	3
		2002	—	—	5	1	—	—
		2003	—		8			
		2004	—		1			
		Total			21	27		3
21	Uttar Pradesh	2001	20	—	—	28	—	2
		2002	1	—	1	—	—	1
		2003	—		—			
		2004	—		1			
		Total	21		2	28		3

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
22	Uttranchal	2001	—	—	6	6	—	—
		2002	—	—	2	4	—	—
		2003	—		—			
		2004	—		—			
		Total			8	10		
23	West Bengal	2001	2	—	4	3	1	—
		2002	—	—	7	1	—	—
		2003	—		3			
		2004	—		2			
		Total	2		16	4	1	
	GRAND TOTAL		53	3	179	96	23	27

Growing of certain varieties of Bt. Cotton

†1315. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Genetic Engineering Approval Committee of his Ministry has given its approval for growing certain varieties of Bt. Cotton in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact the name of Monsanto Company of USA is also included in the Iist of companies which have got the said approval while a large number of farmers of Andhra Pradesh have been ruined due to the said company; and

(d) if so, the basis on which this approval was given and who will be responsible in case of loss to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The GEAC has approved 20 Bt Cotton varieties for commercial cultivation for a period of three years. List of approved varieties for various zones is given in the Statement (See below).

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